

EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a full Council Meeting held 19 April 2007 at 7.15 pm in Euxton PC Community Centre, Wigan Road, Euxton.

Present Cllrs E Jones (Chairman), W Ashton, D Bateman, J Carr, C Cocking, A Dilworth, M Gray, J Matson, A Mercer, S Newell, A Platt, E Sutton, D Wallbank, K Wallbank, S Wellerd, G Witts.

1. Apologies Cllrs M Mercer, T Gray were received.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Platt declared a prejudicial interest in item 6i because he knows the Clerk personally and will leave the room for this item.

3. Minutes of Council Meetings

Resolved: Minutes of the Council Meeting on 15 March 2007 were agreed to be accurate records of the meetings and signed by the Chairman.

4. Planning

Council ratified the Clerks response to application 242/TPO.

Councillors requested if maps of all the trees which had TPOs on them in Euxton could be obtained.

5. Public Participation - Resident and Police Matters

Council was disappointed that the CBM couldn't attend the meeting, as they have never met the officer yet and she has been in Euxton for quite a while.

It was reported that vehicles from Buckshaw Motors on Wigan Road were often parking on the pavement outside of the compound and this caused blockages on the Road.

There is an ongoing issue with parking on a Friday night on School Lane and this should be addressed by the Police as often as possible. Council requested the Police could be asked to attend the area on a Friday night when the disco closes every time they are on duty.

From the PACT meeting it was reported that there were now two new PCSOs shared with Astley Village.

Council noted that Euxton contributed a very large percentage of money towards Policing and should expect that regular or ongoing problems should be addressed often or solved, also that a large part of its CBM and PCSO time should be spent actually in the village.

A Councillor reported that she had seen the restorative justice in action, painting a fence next to the Balshaw Lane Play Area and it was contained in the newspapers also.

6. Financial Matters

- i) To approve requests for payment made to the Council.

Resolved: Council agreed the following payments be approved, the invoices and receipts were inspected by a nominated Councillor.

£	173.15	Newsquest	Delivery of March newsletter
£	4249.76	Chorley Council	Grass cutting/play inspects
£	11750.00	Groundwork	Part pay for MG path
£	400.00	Lancashire CC	Legal cost for Primrose field lease
£	17.00	LPFA	Subscription
£	256.00	Sprintprint	March newsletter printing
£	180.00	Heaton Street	Gardening at MG
£	360.69	Cash	Reimbursements
£	757.66	Employee 2	Salary March
£	625.74	Employee 3	Salary March
£	653.03	Employee 4	Salary March
£	463.00	Employee 5	Salary March
£	631.84	Inland Revenue	Tax & NI March
£	34.80	Employee 3	Mileage
£	41.70	Employee 4	Mileage
£	27.75	Employee 5	Mileage
£	150.00	Myerscough College	Training hedge laying
£	149.99	D Platt	Reimb - Argos Hedge Trimmer

- ii) To approve the financial monitoring statement.

Resolved: Council agreed the statement be received.

- iii) To receive the budget breakdown list for 2007/8

Resolved: Council agreed the breakdown be received.

7. Reports by Standing Committees and Working Groups

- i) Leisure Committee - no meeting report. A Councillor reported problems with the new top surface installed on the Millennium Green. The Clerk acknowledged this problem and that it was in hand to be sorted.

Councillors enquired about the new play area on Milestone Meadow whether it was finished yet, whether the pond would be fence. A Councillor updated that the area was being re-drained. Clerk will enquire about the pond.

- ii) All Purposes Committee - no meeting report.
- iii) Pear Tree Greens Committee - no meeting report. One of the fields has been ploughed, Clerk to enquire.
- iv) Personnel Committee - no meeting report.
- v) Quarry Planning Inquiry Committee. The minutes had been circulated. The statement of case had been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate today, residents update leaflet was would be through letter boxes week of 23 April, press release in the news shortly about the effects of dust and sand for the village devised by a Councillor who witnessed first hand and took photographs. The press release is already on the website.

8. Items from the Annual Parish Meeting

The traffic calming scheme on Cedar Avenue estate was enquired about but this scheme has been reported on in the past that Chorley Council cannot afford to fund it and so it will not go ahead.

9. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

PACT, Cllr Dilworth reported on the numerous items raised at the recent meeting.

Lancashire Local – far too much on the agenda so the meeting was very rushed to get through business.

Community Centre – Cllr M Gray reported from the minutes their actions.

Community Forum – West, Cllr M Gray attended. There was only one Police officer from a village who couldn't answer any questions about other areas. Police don't appear to be taking the Community Forums seriously. Better attendance than the East meeting but still only a small percentage of actual residents.

12. Matters for information

Cllr Wellerd offered his resignation to the Quarry Committee, Cllr Carr nominated herself to take the place.

There being no further general business the Chairman declared the meeting closed.